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**From:** Jeff Dillen - NOAA Federal [jeff.dillen@noaa.gov]  
**Sent:** 4/24/2021 11:48:26 PM  
**To:** Lyons, John [Lyons.John@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Talking points  
**Attachments:** Draft group talking points So Cal Ocean Disposal Sites v2.NOAA comments.rev.docx

Congratulations on Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) I'm in between, and have another week to wait for my second. What a relief to have that done.

I am attaching a revised set of talking points. It is still in redline, but now I've highlighted in yellow just the new language. It is similar to what you suggested, simply: *This initial survey is a useful first step to develop a better understanding of the scope and distribution of contamination.*

Thank you for the explanation on your thinking regarding the assessment language. Ex. 5 Attorney Client (AC)

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Thanks again, and enjoy the rest of your weekend.

Until we speak,  
Jeff

On Sat, Apr 24, 2021 at 5:03 PM Lyons, John <Lyons.John@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks Jeff. Getting back to all this after my second vacc. appt yesterday. I will be off and online for the balance of the weekend.

I will be discussing with Enrique this afternoon. Let us know timing on the additional language.

EPA will probably stay with using the term assessment at key points in our interactions with press and stakeholders. For EPA's Superfund program, we really only have two places to ground what EPA is doing – removal site assessment or pre-remedial site assessment. Removal site assessment is pretty limited to assessments of ER or time critical removal actions by our Emergency Response Branch. We leaves us pre-remedial site assessment which provides a set of tools to assess sites to see if there are threats to human health or the environment and if so, engage in discussions with State, Tribal or Federal agency partners re: who/how problematic sites can be addressed. This path does come with the prospect of a site moving into the steps that could score a site for the National Priorities List. But I believe it would be very premature to raise the prospect of taking these sites into that next step of the pre-remedial site assessment process.

One other sensitivity for us is to make clear that any assessment or investigation is for the purpose of developing information to understand site conditions and any resulting actual or potential threats/risks. We are

sensitive to not having EPA's actions be construed as beginning Superfund enforcement actions or preparing for such actions.

More to follow.

Thanks to everyone at NOAA for all of your work on this,

John

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**From:** Jeff Dillen - NOAA Federal <[jeff.dillen@noaa.gov](mailto:jeff.dillen@noaa.gov)>

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**Subject:** Re: Talking points

Thank you, John. Since Nancy already sent her paragraph, I'm attaching a combined redline with Walker and my comments included (they are few). I saw your proposal for additional language. Let me coordinate with the team here, and see what we can come up with.

Jeff

On Fri, Apr 23, 2021 at 8:46 PM Lyons, John <[Lyons.John@epa.gov](mailto:Lyons.John@epa.gov)> wrote:

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Nancy Hann - NOAA Federal <[Nancy.Hann@noaa.gov](mailto:Nancy.Hann@noaa.gov)>  
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**To:** "Lyons, John" <[Lyons.John@epa.gov](mailto:Lyons.John@epa.gov)>, "Manzanilla, Enrique" <[Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov](mailto:Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov)>  
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Enrique and John,

I added comments on the NOAA/Scripps survey (I highlighted the text I added). Please let me know if you need additional information.

Nancy

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